



**GOVERNOR'S  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLES TASK FORCE  
JIM DOYLE, GOVERNOR  
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

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Governor Jim Doyle  
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Re: Governor's Energy Efficiency and Renewables Task Force Recommendations

Dear Governor Doyle, Rep. Gard and Sen. Panzer:

On February 25, 2004, the Governor's Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Renewables presented to the governor its short-term recommendations for policy initiatives. We believe that you agree that there is an immediate need for the state to do more to conserve and use energy more efficiently and to increase its usage of renewable fuels.

These proposed measures were all unanimously endorsed by the Task Force, which includes Senators Cowles and Risser and Representatives Jensen and Black, as well as a wide variety of stakeholders from the energy industry.

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**Task Force Members**

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The recommendations are:

- SB 554 (with an amendment defining long-term arrangements) regarding a renewable resource target for state facilities;
- SB 111 regarding energy efficiency standards/codes for equipment used in state buildings;
- AB 762 creating a sales and use tax exemption for small-scale renewable energy projects; and
- SB 155 regarding the State use of hybrid electric vehicles.

Unfortunately, due to the press of legislative business, only SB 155 was able to be considered by both houses of the legislature. It passed by wide margins, and is now on the governor's desk.

The purpose of this letter is urge you to consider placing the other items on an agenda for an extraordinary session of the legislature called by both houses, or a special session convened by the governor. The subject matter for such a session could be appropriately limited to energy efficiency and renewables. The substance of SB 554 (increased purchase of renewables by the state) may also be an appropriate subject for a gubernatorial executive order.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Members of the Task Force are ready to respond to any requests you may have about these matters.

Sincerely,



Lee Cullen, Chair  
Governor's Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Renewables

cc: Members of the Task Force  
Secretary Marc Marotta  
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